

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 3-4 and 6-10 have been canceled.

Further, new Figures 18-22 have been added, and the specification has been amended to introduce these Figures. The added Figures do not add any new matter.

Claims 1-2, 5, and 11-21 are pending in the present application.

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to as not showing the following elements:

- the quarter wavelength plate being disposed outside of the circular polarizer (claim 16)
- the absorptive dichroic polarizing plate (claim 17)
- the translucent layers of an adhesive (claim 18)
- the reflective layer (claim 19)
- a liquid crystal cell (claim 20)

New drawings showing the requested elements are submitted with this paper, and the specification has been amended to introduce the additional figures. The added drawings do not add any new matter.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the objection should be withdrawn.

Next, in the Office Action, the claims are objected to as containing informalities.

The claims have been amended as suggested in the Office Action, except that, in claim 1, lines 8 and 11, “Formulae (I) and (II)” has been replaced by “formula (I) and formula (II)” because “formula” is not appropriate since there are two formulae, and in claim 1, line 11: “wherein in” has been replaced by “wherein, in the” because the expression “the formulae (I) and (II) is not a subject of the sentence.

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In view of the above, it is submitted that the objection should be withdrawn.

Next, in the Office Action, the restriction requirement made in the previous Office Action is withdrawn, except as to claims 3-4.

Claims 3-4 and 6-10 have been canceled by the present amendment.

It is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

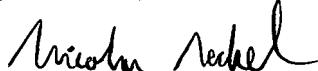
In conclusion, the invention as presently claimed is patentable. It is believed that the claims are in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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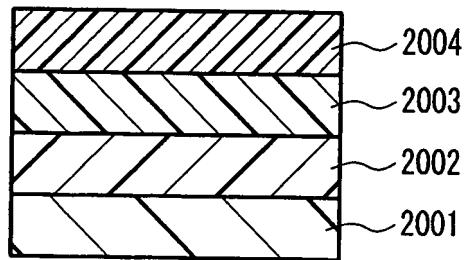


FIG. 18

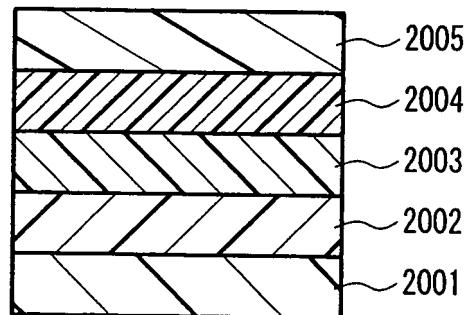


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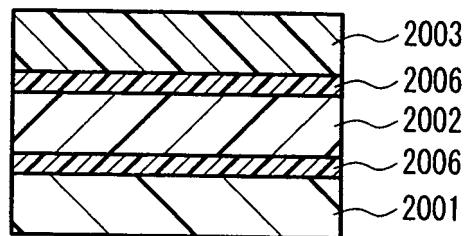


FIG. 20



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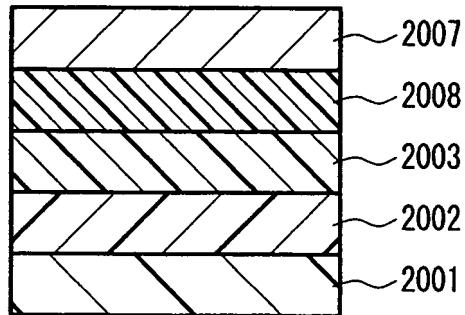


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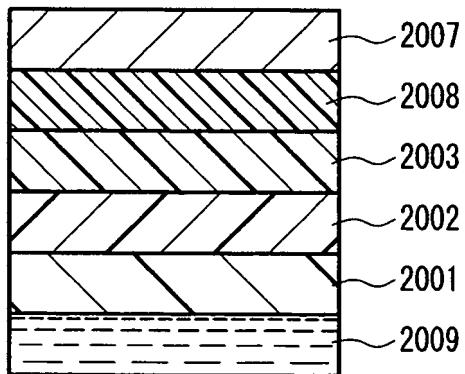


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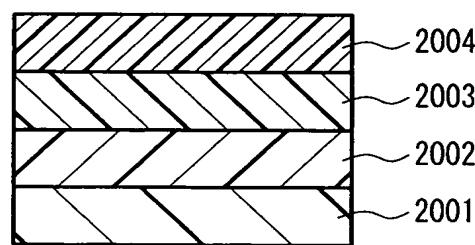


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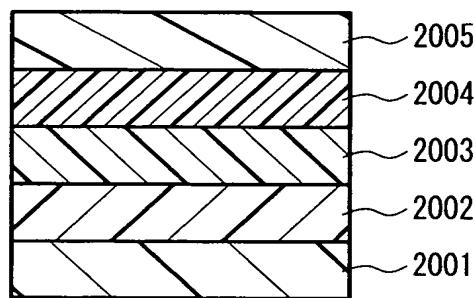


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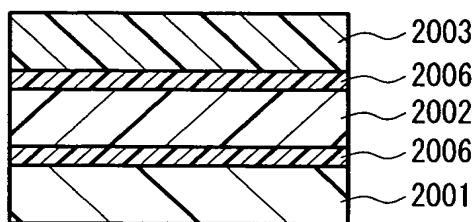


FIG. 20



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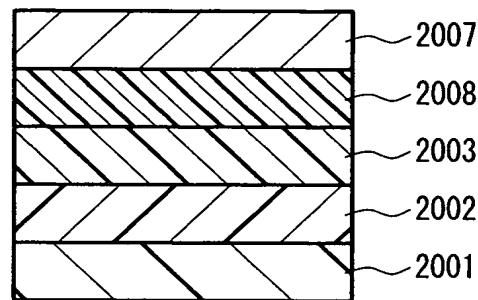


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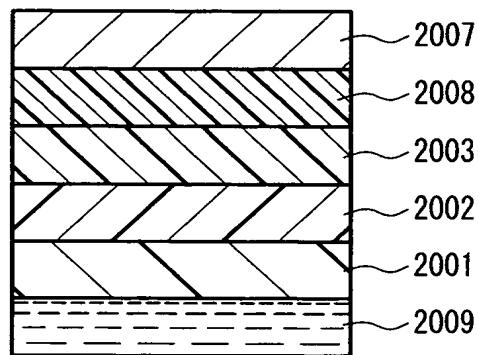


FIG. 22